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My sister Mrs. Jean Davis, Nephew Kent, niece Catherine, and dog Vicki enjoy a picnic in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains' Hermit Lake area October 10, 1979.

Father George Musey of Dickinson, Texas, offered Holy Mass on the Feast of Christ the King last October in Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel near Opelousas, Louisiana.

News and Views

MARY'S HOUR IN ORANGE, CALIFORNIA

Father Frederick Schell, the well-respected traditional priest serving the Los Angeles, California area, promotes and is enthused with the annual Mary's Hour in Orange, California. He mailed me this report from the December 1979 *Immaculata:*

Though May 6th was at the very peak of the gasoline shortage in Southern California, yet 4000 souls came to honor the Mother of God at Santa Ana, California, from as far as 200 miles away. The format of the celebration emphasizes simplicity, reverence, brevity. "Mary's Hour" takes 60 minutes, no more, and consists of recitation of the 5 Glorious Mysteries, The Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart, May Crowning of a statue of our Blessed Lady by school children, solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. The group that organized this devotion has put together a 35-page "Planning Handbook", which is not considered by its authors as the answer to all who would like to organize similar devotion. It is simply a summary of what they have found to work in their particular circumstances, and they assure others will find it necessary to tailor its suggestions to their own situation. They do feel, however, it will provide a good beginning for those who have not undertaken a devotion as large as a diocese-wide "Mary's Hour." The Handbook can be ordered at no cost from Mary's Hour, P.O. Box 1386, Orange, California 92668.

Another product of the Mary's Hour at Santa Ana is an exquisite 30 minute cassette tape of the hymns that were sung before the devotion began. The devotion actually commenced at 2 p.m.; for early arrivals five top vocalists from the diocese of Orange gave a 30 minute, organ-accompanied recital of traditional hymns to our Blessed Mother. It is reported that the stands filled almost silently, so great was the impact of these hymns, no longer often heard. Included were such classics as: Bring Flowers of the Rarest, On This Day O Beautiful Mother, O Sanctissima, Ave Maria (both the Schubert and Bach-Gounod versions), O Maria, Madre Mia, Immaculate Mary, and others. The tape may be purchased for $5.00 postpaid from the same address as listed above.

BILL AND LA RITA QUINN

Last fall Mrs. La Rita Quinn of Colorado Springs sold her beauty salon and became a broker in precious metals. She and her husband, Bill, have been a big help to Father Francis Fenton in his move to Colorado and are among the most ardent supporters of the Traditional Catholics of America, a new traditional Catholic organization headed by Father Fenton. Mrs. Quinn is also certainly an interesting person to talk to on the silver and gold subject which, as you know, has been a headline maker since Christmas. Over a year ago I urged some of my friends and relatives to convert some of their savings into silver and gold. Don't they wish now that they had listened more carefully! I still think traditional Catholics ought to protect themselves and their savings by converting

from Federal Reserve Note assets into something safer. America's currency is being debauched. Gold and silver backing were both removed from it and U.S. coinage over the course of the last 50 years. Rising interest rates, runaway inflation and the prospects of a serious depression are signs of the times which you would think good God-fearing people would take note of and prepare accordingly. Didn't Israel's son, Joseph in Egypt, who knew that hard times were on the way at that time, take proper precautions, which everyone including his family was sure grateful for when the hard times did come?

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

On January 13th I was in Richmond, Virginia, to offer Mass for a sizeable group of faithful Catholics. For each of their circuit Masses they have been renting a room for $100.00 in the historic downtown Richmond Jefferson Hotel. They have already accumulated a fairly large inventory of chapel and Mass items over the past two years. Under the local leadership of Claude and Carol Heath they have even organized well enough now to buy five acres of land and commission an architect to help them design a traditional chapel which they plan to erect this year. On the Sundays when no Mass is available abut 60 or so of their group still meet at the Jefferson Hotel for the Rosary and religious study and instruction. God willing, with continued prayer, sacrifice and effort on their part, they may soon recruit or convert a good priest in their area to become a member of the T.C.A. and to serve as their pastor.

THE WAR IS NOW

"The War Is *Now!*" is the emotively descriptive title of an interesting "tell-it-like-it-is" Australian traditional Catholic periodical edited by Mr. Hutton Gibson. Airmail subscription rates are $5.00 a year. Order your copy from him at 37 Railway Street, Mt. Kuring-Gai, N. S. W. 2080, Australia.

BOOK SEARCH

Does anyone know where I might find a copy of the book: *The End of the Present Time and the Mysteries of the Future Life*, lectures of Father Arminjon? It was a favorite of St. Therese, the Little Flower who lived in France the latter part of the 19th century. It may never have been translated from French. If I get hold of a French copy, it may prove worthwhile to translate and print part of it in the S.D.C.N.

ANOTHER NOTE ON SAVINGS

The following paragraph appeared in a letter I recently received from a national conservative publication: "Due to a little-known Supreme Court decision, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) —which probably insures your own savings—*will become liable* for bank failures. With reserves of only $7.3 billion—with which it is insuring more than $628 billion in bank deposits across the country—a new major bank failure will topple the FDIC system. Bad news for your savings."

NEWS BITS FROM THE FRENCH PERIODICAL "INTROIBO"

In the January 1980 issue of "Introibo" an article on ecclesiastical scandles in Brazil concludes: "You will not be surprised to learn the Msgr. Proenca Sigaud, archbishop of Diamantina, has affirmed on the 27th of February (1979) that 54 Brazilian bishops were disguised Communists."

Under the News from France section: "The journal 'Ouest-France' of September 29-30 tells about a meeting of parishioners, without a priest for several months, with the vicar general of the diocese of Bayeux. Father Grandval. He suggested that a couple replace the priest and stated: 'What we are proposing to you is not a last resource, it is another form of Church. . . .' It is evident that this new form of Church is not the Catholic Church."

NEW FRENCH PERIODICAL TREATS THE CASE OF PAUL VI

In connection with a recent exposé of Father Guerard des Lauriers, O.P., entitled "The Apostolic See, Is It Vacant?" a November 1979 supplement to issue #2 of "Cahiers de Cassiciacum" from Nice maintains: "The fact the Paul VI was no longer Pope, at least since December 7, 1965, the date of the promulgation of the Declaration "Dignitates Humanae Personae", is not a simple opinion: it is absolutely certain, and one cannot deny it without rejecting the certain doctrine of the Church.

"Because Paul VI has promulgated (among others, alas!) a heretical text and a bad rite of the Mass, in the conditions which will have assured the infallibility of these acts.

"And when, in order to remain Catholic, one cannot accept an heretical text or a bad rite, nor reject the Catholic doctrine on infallibility; one must necessarily recognize that Paul VI was not Pope when he "promulgated" these texts."

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REFLECTIONS ON THE CRISIS IN THE CHURCH

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'The Kingdon of God is like leaven.' That is, Our Lord's Church was to be a gentle penetrating power in the world, steadily influencing men's lives, individually and socially, transforming and elevating society gradually, not as a sudden, revolutionary force. Reforms, like the aboliton of slavery and the improved status of women, would take time. Not that social reforms were to be the work of Our Lord's Church. The essential mission of His Church would be to expound to the world the truths and morals which He Himself came on earth teach, and to do so with dictatorial authority, authority derived from Him. The Church was to be an official institution, an organized corporate body, consisting of teachers and taught, rulers and subjects, and intended to embrace all peoples of all times, united in belief, in moral code, and in essential manner of worship. The Church was to be conspicuous for its world-wide unity.

In our own time, in what can only be a temporary phase, the Church of Christ, the Catholic Church, has fallen into chaotic disarray. No-one can doubt that. Many books by reputable authors have been written on the crisis. A number of periodicals have been founded to report on it and to try to resolve it. The Church has been infiltrated by purveyors of heresy and immorality. When the Church's teaching, the law of God, on birth prevention was reiterated by the Pope, it was rejected by very many hierarchies in favour of private judgement, and the rejection was and still is left unrebuked. Doctrines have been diluted, falsified or rejected, morality has been perverted, the Mass has been degraded and parodied, the priesthood warped and demeaned, all in a scandalous process of accommodation to non-Catholic beliefs. Joint services with non-Catholics, which throughout our history have been forbidden under pain of mortal sin and excommunication, have come to be encouraged. The beliefs and practices distinguishing Catholicism from other religions are changed or discarded by an insane ecumenism. The Enemy has breached the walls and overrun the City of God—but not destroyed it. The defenders of Catholic truth are a minority, unpopular with the majority who have surrendered, made to appear odd, opinionated, rebellious, erratic, in an antagonistic Catholic world.

The nearest historical parallel to such desertion of their posts by Catholic bishops is to be seen in the episode in the fourth century, when an overwhelming majority of the bishops of the world, at the behest of an Emperor, denied the Divinity of Christ. A parallel to the present bankruptcy and fiasco of authority occurred in the late fourteenth century, when in the 'Great Western Schism' there were for a time three simultaneous claimants to the Papacy. Even saints and theologians disagreed in their allegiance. The Great Western Schism lasted forty years.

Catholics who now strive to remain loyal to Catholic beliefs and practices in their entirety are named 'traditionalists'. They do not form a single organized body. They have some disagreements among themselves. Consequently, at a time when authority in the Church is not being exercised in the accustomed way to suppress errors and abuses, and when traditionalist priests are themselves not in complete agreement, the individual lay Catholic has to make some important religious decisions for himself. It is a very unusual and un-Catholic situation.

The Catholic and age-long custom of simply following the highest authority has become impracticable. The late Paul VI notoriously and repeatedly declared one thing and straightaway practised or permitted the opposite, as on dispensations from priestly celibacy, Communion in the hand, birth prevention, ecumenism, etc. Bishops err too, in encouraging joint services with non-Catholics, a practice which, the Church has always held, conflicts with Catholic claims and Catholic doctrine. It does so now, no less than in the past. The truth about the 'Church of England', Catholics have always been taught, is that it has not the remotest connection with either the Church of Christ or any other Church or religion. It is of its very essence a department of State, set up as such by Henry VIII, finally ratified by Elizabeth I, and thus a purely political institution, a 'Church' only in name, and no more capable of union with the Catholic Church than is the Foreign Office or the Post Office. It is very unfortunate that this seems offensive. It is a truth that Catholics have always firmly held as a plain historical fact, and if it was true in the past it is true now. Ecumenism in its present-day form does involve the denial of historical and doctrinal truths, and by such denial one ceases to be a Catholic.

What is the correct attitude of a Catholic to what is called the Conciliar Church, the new-style 'Catholic' Church which took its origin in the Second Vatican Council? Traditionalist Catholics are disagreed and the individual Catholic has to make up his own mind. Archbishop Lefebvre treats with the new Church, and tries to discover what degree of agreement or reconciliation can be reached. Others contend that this new Church, begetting the diabolical horrors plain for all to see, and Catholic only in name, is a fraudulent, traitorous, usurping institution which, like its new 'Mass', is to be completely repudiated and totally ostracised. If these are asked, "Then where, pray, is the true Catholic Church at present?" they reply, "Where, for that matter, is the true Catholic Church at any time?" Where would the true Church on earth be if, at any stage, the Pope, most of the bishops, and most of the Catholic laity in the world were suddenly to die? It would be in the persons of the Catholic survivors of the crisis, no matter how few they might be.

OUTSIDE THE CHURCH THERE IS NO SALVATION

What do we mean when we say, "Outside the Church there is no salvation?"

When we say, "Outside the Church there is no salvation," we mean that Christ made the Catholic Church a necessary means of salvation and commanded all to enter it, so that a person must be connected with the Church in some way to be saved.

1. All are obliged to belong to the Catholic Church in order to be saved. Christ said "Amen, amen I say to thee, unless a man be born again of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God" (John 3:5).

The Catholic Church is founded on the Apostles, to whom Our Lord gave the commission to baptize; by Baptism one is made a member of the Church. If then Baptism is indispensable, the Church must be indispensable.

2. Christ did not die for a part of, but for all mankind. He did not leave His legacy the Church for the benefit of a few, but for all. Our Lord said: "He who hears you hears me; and he who rejects you rejects me" (Luke 10:16).

Since God commanded all to be members of His Church, those who deliberately disobey His command will not be saved. Whoever, through his own fault, remains outside of the Catholic Church, will be lost eternally.

Many people today still mistake the "New Conciliar Church" under John Paul II and under the Modernist bishops and priests who have implemented the devastating post Vatican II reforms, for the true Catholic Church. Remaining in or joining that impostor church will hinder not help one to save his immortal soul! The true Catholic Church has in fact been reduced to a remnant of faithful bishops, priests and laity who still hold fast to the true Mass and Sacraments and to the holy traditions (i.e. deposit of faith) all of which were mutilated and tossed out the window during and after the Second Vatican Council by the apostate "Catholic Church".

A Bishop Bonomelli who lived in the early twentieth century addressed himself to this very problem of the doctrine "no salvation outside the church" in a pastoral letter. He suggested that a clearer interpretation of this doctrine would be to say. "All those who are culpably outside the Church and willfully reject the truth made manifest will be condemned." This pastoral letter was put in book form and published in 1921 with the nihil obstat of Rev. G. H. Joyce, S.J., and the imprimatur of Edmund Can. Surmont. (The present-day erroneous interpretation of the "no salvation" doctrine was being spread in Bishop Bonomelli's area at the time.) It should be noted that culpably and wilfully are conditions needed for a sin to be mortal.

That there are persons outside the formal part or body of the Catholic Church but within the soul of the Church and thus truly Catholic is not a unique thought of the present century. Bishop Bonomelli quotes St. Augustine (De Baptis., against the Donatistas, lib. v. 38). "There are men lying in heresy or in the superstitions of the Gentiles; but even there God knows who are His own. For in the ineffable prescience of God many who seem within are without. Of those souls who in a hidden manner and in the depths of their hearts are in the Church is formed the garden enclosed, the sealed fountain, the spring of living water, the paradise full of fruit of which the Holy Scriptures speak." Bishop Bonomelli goes on to comment: "Sometimes the Church casts forth from her bosom sons who sadden and dishonor her with their sayings and behaviour, and strikes them even with her greater censures. She acts like the father of a family who sends away from the domestic hearth those sons who disturb its peace, and her right to do so cannot be denied. But it may be that these sons rejected by the Church are not blameworthy in conscience (emphasis mine) and before God, since the Church judges things only externally, as they appear, and does not read hearts."

Describing Heaven and Hell: Is There an Afterlife?

By DEBORAH FRAZIER
United Press International

Dr. Maurice Rawlings believes there is an afterlife.

He has listened to descriptions of heaven and hell from patients who, in their close brushes of death, just may have been there.

A specialist in cardiovascular diseases, the doctor has resuscitated hundreds of patients. And, in the course of his work, Rawlings said, he has often heard descriptions of heaven and hell.

At first, he told UPI in an inverview: "I just told them to keep quiet. I didn't want hear about it."

Nurses "snicker," he said, and doctors don't want to hear about it.

Rawlings' decision to listen and record the decriptions he heard resulted from a patient he was exercising on a treadmill to stimulate heart problems. Instead of getting a heart flutter, the man "died" of a heart attack.

"His heart stopped. His breathing stopped. I started an IV, he came to begging me to save him, saying he didn't want to go to hell. He was having convulsions, his hair was on end. He really seemed like he was in hell," Rawlings said.

A few days after the incident, Rawlings said he asked the patient about the experience. The man remembered only seeing his mother in a serene valley.

"I am sure the experience was so terrible, he suppressed it. And I think it accounts for all the heaven experiences in other life after death books. People just don't remember hell experiences," said Rawlings.

About 20 percent of the patients he has resuscitated from "death" recall afterlife experiences with the reports split evenly between heaven and hell. He said he found no way to determine which experience a person would have.

Rawlings' research, detailed in his book "Beyond Death's Door" joins other books on the subject of "Life after Life," the title of a best-seller by Dr. Raymond Moody and the topic of Elisabeth Kubler-Ross's book " On Death and Dying."

The "heaven" descriptions given Rawlings confirm Moody's and Kubler-Ross' in the sequences of parting from the body, a speedy trip down a dark tunnel, a pleasant sensation and meeting deceased friends and relatives.

Rawlings said the accounts given him of hell follow Bible passages and Dante's "Inferno," complete with lakes of fire, a foul smell, brimstone and writhing bodies.

"There is not so much physical pain as the feeling of utter darkness and isolation, both inner and outer," he said. "Some see a menagerie of horrors, but the details remembered are sparse compared to the heaven experiences."

"Those who have been to hell and back change their lives. I have never known anyone to remain an atheist after that experience. Those who go to heaven, return enriched," he said.

Rawlings said he anticipates a wave of criticism on his book from other doctors, who he describes as "traditionally reluctant to mess with the spiritual side of death."

"I was just an intellectual Christian, a lukewarm Christian, a social clubber, but this made me pull out my Bible," he said. "Those experiences changed the lives of the people who had them and they changed my life."

"You think alcoholics anonymous is great, wait until you see sinners anonymous," he said. "I have learned it is not safe for a persons to die unless he knows where he is going to spend eternity."

— Opelousas, LA. Daily World mid 1979

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Merits thought

According to the American Spectator of January, a lawyer, Robert A. Wade of South Boston, Va., has filed suit in federal court demanding that the president be removed from office because he "is a religious idiot ... living in a dream world of his own making, devoid of common sense and reality."

This is a pretty tough accusation but it certainly merits a bit of thought when one understands clearly that the president promised to uphold the Constitution and to protect American citizens from their enemies. All of this with his hand on the Bible and with a clear promise to God to abide by this oath.

Considering the series of moves that have slowly but inescapably put the American citizen in the most dangerous spot of our national existence, isn't it the duty of every conscientious citizen to demand a full explanation for this stupefying abandonment of the president's presidential oath?

Is it possible that the thin line between Christian charity and outright treasonousconduct hasbeen breached unwittingly by a religious fanatic, ably abetted by a small group of fanatic leftists in the State Department. If the answer is "yes," it's high time the Senate depart from its usual slothfulness and attempt to get a straight yes or no from these persons. And if the findings are detrimental to the interests of U.S. citizens then impeachment proceedings should be started immediately.

And if senators refuse to comply with their oath in investigating the highly visible cancer of pro-communist activities in our government, then we should retire these senators as soon as possible.

—F. Keith Peyton
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Trade With The Communist Bloc

by Congressman Ron Paul of Texas

The taxpayers of the West, including the American taxpayers, have been robbed by their governments, so that those governments could lend money at low interest rates or give money outright to foreign dictatorships. At the same time, the Western governments, including the Government of the United States, have told their citizens that it is necessary to have high taxes to maintain large and expensive defense forces in order to protect them from the same foreign dictatorships. I think that it is about time the American people were told the truth about the so-called "trade" with the Socialist countries. It is not free trade for it is subsidized by the Federal Government. But it has been large enough to maintain the dictatorial regimes in dozens of countries around the globe. Left to themselves, these regimes would long ago have perished and their pitiable subjects would now be free men. It would not be necessary to spend $120 billion per year on armaments against an enemy that has been created and continues to be supported by the Federal Government.

The most significant act we can make for world peace is to stop the subsidy of the Socialist countries and to allow their parasitical regimes to self-destruct. The savings in human lives and in human wealth would be incalculable. To continue on our present course, or to increase the subsidies as the present administration desires, is to commit national suicide.

— **Congressional Record**, April 3, 1979.

NEW BREED OF CHRISTIAN LEADERS

During the past 25 years the major religious leaders in America have been liberals. With few exceptions, the religious leaders who led civil rights marches, Vietnam rallies, ERA demonstrations, welfare protests, etc., are now in their 60's and 70's. It appears that the future belongs to a new breed of preachers:

Rev. Jerry Falwell, 45 years old, on 317 TV stations every Sunday with an audience of 15,000,000;

Rev. Pat Robertson, age 48, on 138 TV stations five nights a week with an audience of 5,000,000;

Rev. James Robison, age 35, on 93 TV stations every Sunday with an audience of over 5,000,000;

Rev. Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Atlanta, has reached over 1 million Americans with videotape of his brilliant sermon, "Stand Up America," which urges Christians to get involved in politics. The list could go on and on.

—The Voice of Liberty

LIBERALISM, SOCIALISM, COMMUNISM

Those priests and bishops who are promoting what they like to call "Christian Socialism," but which in fact is Marxism, had they been properly taught in their seminaries or if they had retained their faith, would have been guided by the Papal Bull of Pius XI, entitled Quadragesimo Anno, on socialism, issued on May 15, 1931. In republishing and distributing this Papal Bull, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Cleary, Pastor Emeritus of St. Mary of the Assumption Church of Staten Island, N.Y., added this warning: "To Prevent Communism Prevent Socialism!" He stated:

We do not want Socialism. We want Social Justice. Christianity gives Social Justice; Socialism destroys it. You have read the survey by the Senate Subcommittee 1964 on "Church and State Under Communism"....Is that the Religious Freedom you want? the liberals want? the Socialists want? Do you and they approve the Communist antireligious propaganda drive? Why do some people swallow as gospel truth every false statement of the Communists about "peace," "liberation," "civil rights," "peaceful coexistence," "armaments?" But when they say something which confirms the warning of a Pope these same people will not believe? Why not keep repeating: "Socialism is the first stage of Communism." "Socialism leads to Communism."

The Herald of Freedom – Sept. 21, 1979

Father Dan and his dog, Vicki, at Hermit Lake near Westcliffe.

OVERHEARD

Clerk, showing bargain T.V. to a young couple: "Another nice feature - if anything goes wrong, there's no fussing with warranties or guarantees. You just pay to have it fixed".

Worried wife describing husband's symptoms to doctor: "It's his head. He's had it on and off all day".

Negro preacher: "Ah'm tellin' yuh, forbidden fruit kin git yuh into a real jam".

SOME FAMOUS ANDERSON GEMS

"Our problem is not fallout, it's sellout."

"Price control is people control."

"America plans to 'buy' the world; the communists plan to own it."

"Stand up and be counted — else you'll be counted out."

"Communism must die if freedom is to live."

"Middle-of-the-roader Norman Thomas once said that 'TVA made a Garden of Eden out of a desolate and destitute valley.' Just shows you what God could have done if He'd had the money."

"We have a 'bi-partisan' State Department. By bi-partisan I mean that some of them are on our side and some are on the other side. Fair enough?"

"America's sickness is erosion — not of the soil, but of the morality."

Gromyko, pope hold long talk

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko talked for almost two hours Wednesday in one of the longest encounters between a pontiff and a statesman in many years.

It was the first time that Pope John Paul, who often confronted communist authorities in his native Poland, met Moscow's foreign minister.

A Vatican statement said the pope and Gromyko discussed peace and peaceful coexistence in the world and international cooperation, as well as the situation of the Roman Catholic church in the Soviet Union. The Soviet government has an official policy of atheism.

Gromyko drove into the Vatican City at 5:30 p.m. and left two hours later. He spent most of the time in the pope's private study talking with John Paul.

It was the sixth time that Gromyko had met a pope. He regularly called on the Apostolic Palace to confer with Paul VI during visits to Italy in the past 15 years. Gromyko also met Paul VI privately when the late pontiff visited the United Nations in New York in October 1965.

-Pueblo Chieftain Jan 25, 1979

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The threatened penny

IN THE TOPSY-TURVY world of mintage, a penny is worth more than a dime and a nickel is worth more than a quarter.

The U.S. Mint reports that under present metal prices a penny costs 36/100ths of a cent while a dime costs only 33/100ths. A modern nickel (75 percent copper, 25 percent nickel) costs 1.03 cents, while a quarter (91.7 percent copper, 8.3 percent nickel) costs only 84/100ths of a cent.

It is a truism in the coinage business that whenever the actual metal in a coin exceeds its face value, the coin disappears. People melt them down. Only the collector's price has saved the pure silver U.S. dollar from the furances. Present "silver" dollars are made of exactly the same metals as quarters and half dollars and are actually worth 3⅓ cents.

The possibility is now being discussed that if inflation keeps rolling, and copper prices follow, the day may come when the metal in the penny will be worth more than a transactional penny. There is a long way yet to go, but if that day ever arrives, the used metal market will gobble up all the pennies.

The Treasury Department has recently sent out a feeler to the effect that the penny might be phased out. Prices could be "rounded" to the nearest nickel, which would probably mean they would be "rounded up" to the next nickel. That would be worth a couple of percentage points in inflation right there.

There is grim handwriting on this wall. The more we inflate the currency through our desire to spend more than we are willing to be taxed, the surer is the advent of bigger coins with smaller values.

In the wild inflations that struck Germany after World War I and Greece after World War II, coins disappeared altogether and paper money was called in every few weeks to get an overprint with a few more zeroes.

The result was a washout of the debt structure, a busting of all banks, a stagnation of investment, runaway unemployment and a general misery that called forth men-on-horseback who overrode what was left of democracy.

It could happen here! □

TRUTH ALWAYS MATTERS

An open letter to Father Wietharn:

Helen and I have been life long Catholics as you are well aware. The past two years we have not attended Mass at St. Bernard's. We feel that according to the teaching of the Catholic Church you have betrayed us. Would you try to answer our difficulties?

When you were ordained you swore an oath that "until the last breath of life" you would never believe or teach anything contrary to the articles of belief of the Profession of Faith of the Council of Trent. That oath bound you to the so-called "Tridentine" Mass, and to obedience to the Bull "Quo Primum" enforcing that Mass in perpetuity. That justification you need for saying the "Tridentine" Mass, and only that Mass is that you are bound by oath to do so!

You swore a second oath - that you would until your dying day totally reject the error of Modernism. Our Bishops and Pope took that oath also. They took it more than once, in fact, as you know. You are still bound by those oaths. You swore them not to your Bishop, not even to the Pope of the day, but to God Himself. Deliberately to repudiate them envolves an act of apostacy as well as oath-breaking. No one - not even the Pope - has the moral or legal right to require you to disregard those oaths.

Yet in practice you disregard them - and we are supposed to think this is done by the same Holy Catholic Church which imposed those oaths to protect priests and people and the Catholic Mass and doctrine! Today's shambles in doctrine and practice and the spiritual depravity and insanity of "Catholic" life could never have happened if only priests had been faithful to the oaths meant to protect them.

Secondly in the New Mass in English, Our Lord's words of consecration of the wine have been clearly and certainly falsified. Out of reverence for Sacraments a Priest is forbidden, under pain of mortal sin, to attempt to "confect" (produce) a "doubtful" Sacrament. In conferring the Sacraments (as also in consecration in Mass) it is never allowed to adopt a probable course of action as to validity and to abandon the safer course. The same is true of one who uses a probable opinion in the reception of a Sacrament.

So the New Mass is clearly forbidden under pain of mortal sin to clergy and laity alike simply because it is doubtful.

For a Catholic, there is no getting away from Catholic principles. The same reasoning applies everywhere in our lives. You would not risk death by touching an exposed wire that could be alive. Nor must you risk idolatry and sacrilege by using a Mass that could be (and professional theologians have stated it is) not a Catholic Mass at all.

In the new order of the Mass the phrase "for all men" is used instead of "for many". It is objective fact that Our Lord did not say "for all men". He said "for many". Truth always matters. It mattered to Our Lord to say exactly what He wanted to say because He is All-Truth. It mattered to St. Matthew and St. Mark to report that He said "for many". It mattered to the Holy Ghost to inspire them to write "for many" rather than "for all men" or "for no men". It mattered enough for the Church to explain officially and explicity why Our Lord said "for many" and not "for all men".

Further, to tamper with a public document, removing words and replacing them with others, is recognized and condemned as forgery. It is an evil thing, a crime, and especially so for a Catholic when it concerns the Sacred Scriptures, when it concerns the solemn words of God Himself in instituting a Sacrament, when it concerns words purposely chosen by God to avoid a heresy which teaches that "all men are saved" - the most dangerous and deluding heresy abroad in Christianity today.

Our Lord used the phrase "for many" because He was instituting the Blessed Eucharist, the Sacrament of the Mystical Body - and all men do not belong to the Mystical Body. All men never have belonged to it, and they never will. So He could not have said "for all

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men" not even in the 80 formulas collected by Dr. Mason Neale.

As a Catholic layman I refuse to be lied to. This is a public scandal. Many besides us no longer go to the New Mass. The public media is the proper place to deal with these public matters. It is a privilege and a right of an individual to appeal to the common good. We confidently await your reply.

Sincerely,
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THE DOWNFALL OF AMERICA

It began when President Franklin D. Roosevelt refused to heed the warning of Congressman Martin Dies that there were 3,200 Communists in influential positions in Washington. It continued when Roosevelt appointed the Communist Harry Dexter White to run the Treasury Department and to set up the Bretton Woods agreement that provided for the destruction of the American dollar.

General Marshall hastened the decline of America when he boasted that with one stroke of the pen, he disarmed 40 of Chiang Kai-shek's division and led to the Red triumph in China. Another step was Harry Truman's failure to allow General MacArthur to win the war in Korea. This was followed by a no-win policy in the Vietnam War, and connivance with the murder of Ngo Dinh Diem, the strongest leader in Vietnam.

The Marshall Plan was another step in our downfall. It saddled us with a vast increase in the national debt, from which we have not and never will recover.

Backing Stalin when we should have allowed Hitler and Stalin to destroy each other, while saving our strength to deal with the victor, was another fatal mistake. Returning two to four million soldiers who came west from Russia, Poland and East Germany to fight for the Allied Forces — sending them back to Russia to certain liquidation — was another tragic mistake.

Recalling our armies 200 miles in Germany in order to allow Stalin to have a greater portion of that country, including Berlin, was still another tragedy.

More recently, and if possible, more tragically, allowing Castro to take over Cuba when it was known that he was a Communist, was still another disaster. Following this, the giving away of the Panama Canal and paying the Communists some billions of dollars to take it, and the abandonment of Nicaragua and other Central American and Caribbean countries, which we could have saved with a little help at the right time, will make it still more difficult for our country to break out of the Communist ring which is closing about it.

Finally, the repudiation of our treaty with Taiwan and the desertion of Persia, Rhodesia, and South Africa, all drove more nails into the coffin of Western civilization with its freedom, self-government and prosperity.

We call ourselves the land of the free and home of the brave, but there is nothing in this long, sorry record of retreat and surrender to justify the continued use of that proud title our ancestors bequeathed to us. We seem to have accept the philosophy — of which at that time Secretary of War Robert McNamara was perhaps the most prominent founder — that we must appease the Communists, do nothing to irritate them, and reduce our strength to the level of theirs, or below, so they would have no fear of us. It was believed that this would cause them to be peaceful. Never was a more treasonable act committed in our country than the promulgation of this widespread philosophy. Anyone who knows even a little of Russian history is aware of the fact that the ambition of that country has long been to rule the world. They are not inhibited by any reverence for life, for God, the moral law, or common decency. We have long known that their only "right" was the will of the Communist Party, and their only "wrong," opposition thereto.

From a position of incomparable strength, we have surrendered to the will of the Godless Communists.

A superhuman effort is now required to free ourselves from this trap. As Mr. Churchill said, it will require blood, sweat and tears, but there is no other way if we are not to join the more than a score of nations that have declined before us.

This is the time to heed the words of the Greek general, Marco Bozzaris, who rallied his few hundred soldiers against thousands of invading Turks with the words:

"Strike till the last armed foe expires,
Strike for your altars and your fires.
Strike for the green graves of your sires,
For God and native land."

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Welcome to DELTA

Home of "Supersaurus" Discovery

Delta, a predominately farm community, is located on Highway 50, thirty-eight miles south of Grand Junction and twenty miles north of Montrose. Traveling in any direction from Delta, one will find some of the most exciting scenery in Colorado West.

It was on the Uncompahgre Plateau near Delta where Eddie and Vivian Jones found a number of fossil bones which eventually led James A. Jensen, a reknowned paleontologist, to his biggest discovery. "Dinosaur Jim" had unearthed perhaps the world's largest animal. He calculated from his findings that the beast was probably eighty feet long and weighed seventy-five tons. "Supersaurus," as he was later to be named, was purported to be a gentle beast, a plant eater who browsed the high limbs of trees. And where else would the world's largest animal be found but in the shadow of the world's largest flat-topped mountain – Grand Mesa.

Thirty-five minutes north of Delta more than three-hundred trout-filled lakes beckon the angler and sightseer from atop the fabulous Grand Mesa, 10,000 feet high. The visitor can fish, picnic, camp or merely roam through the fragrant forests admiring the profusion of colorful wild flowers.

Many scenic drives can be made in the country surrounding Delta. Escalante Canyon hints at the beauty found in Arizona's Grand Canyon, and yet offers a quiet magnificence all its own. The countryside abounds in awesome beauty where the traveler can discover the serenity found close to nature.

Two miles south of Delta is Sweitzer Lake where one can fish, boat, water ski, swim or picnic. Delta itself has a heated pool in Cleland Park where there is also a small zoo and shaded picnic area. An excellent nine-hole golf course is available to the tourist. Numerous attractive stores, an Historical Museum, fine motels and modern camper spaces, along with some fine restaurants and nightclubs await the visitor to the area. The opportunities for pleasure in Delta and its surrounding areas are so vast, it's impossible to cover them all, but with its friendly natives always willing to help, and its year-round climate, Delta is an enjoyable, relaxing wonderland.

Measuring the eight-foot scapula of the largest dinosaur uncovered to date are (from right to left) Dr. Jensen, Eddie Jones of Delta, Colo., and Mrs. Jones. The Delta couple led Jensen to the dig site.

Mike Jones with the Braciosarus humerus found by his parents Vivian and Eddie Jones of Delta. It is in the Smithsonian Institution and replaced the Riggs bone as the world's largest bone. Replicas of this bone are displayed in the local museum and the Visitors Center on the Colorado National Monument. They also uncovered a large vertebra.

In the summer of 1979 a Japanese television crew was on hand to film the finding of a 9-foot petrified dinosaur shoulder-blade, seen above already encased in a protective plaster coating.

Dinosaurs and rock-hounding have been a part of our family's life since 1955 when my parents unearthed a giant 7-foot long leg bone. My dear brother, Mike, got credit in the photo caption above. But that's definitely yours truly pictured with the big bone before it was shipped off to Washington, D.C. A full length movie, shorter 16mm films and 35mm educational filmstrips were made in the 1970's featuring some of the Dry Mesa finds. In the fall of 1979 someone sent me the clipping below, from a Colorado Springs paper I think. An excellent article on my folks, Dr. Jensen and the Dry Mesa Dinosaur site appeared in the June 1973 Reader's Digest (pages 51-56).

'Ultrasaurus' called largest ever

By STEVE CHAWKINS
News Staff

About 140 million years ago, 80 tons of thoughtless protoplasm took a last giant step, gasped, and crashed to the ground near what is now the town of Delta.

The unremarkable act of dying — and a destiny that included one James A. Jensen — was to earn the beast a certain measure of fame.

Jensen, a Brigham Young University scientist, says it was the biggest animal — ever.

Bearing a cardboard box filled with a few of the behemoth's bones while in Denver for a lecture at the Museum of Natural History Wednesday, Jensen said the whole animal could have weighed more than 80 tons and could have peered down on a six-story building with ease.

Little else is known about it. The massive reptile Jensen has nicknamed "ultrasaurus" was almost certainly a vegetarian, and like its close dinosaur relatives, was guided by a brain perhaps the size of a walnut.

"It'll be two or three years before we have enough material for a scientific paper," said Jensen.

But despite the sparseness of details about the ultrasaurus, Jensen said he's convinced it's significantly bigger than the dinosaur now termed the world's biggest: a brachiosaurus whose skeleton, in an East Berlin museum, stetches 42 feet from skull to floor.

"You just can't argue with a 9-foot scapula," said Jensen. The scapula, or shoulder-blade, is often used as one gauge of an animal's size by paleontologists, scientists who study ancient forms of life.

The 9-foot shoulder-blade, a few toe bones, and some other ultrasaurus remains were discovered in July at an area called Dry Mesa near Delta. Two 8-foot shoulder blades were uncovered there in 1972, leading Jensen to postulate the existence of a slightly smaller, but still formidable, chap he called the "supersaurus."

The scientifically rich Dry Mesa site was found by Eddie and Vivian Jones, a Delta sawmill owner and his wife, who relax by "climbing around mountainsides looking for bones," Jensen said.

The Jones' Dry Mesa excavation sites have yielded more than just a revamped definition of bigness. Jensen said it also was at Dry Mesa that he uncovered a creature closer to being the world's oldest bird than anything found before.

The former holder of that title — a vintage creature called archaeopteryx — was in fact "a feathered reptile," according to Jensen.

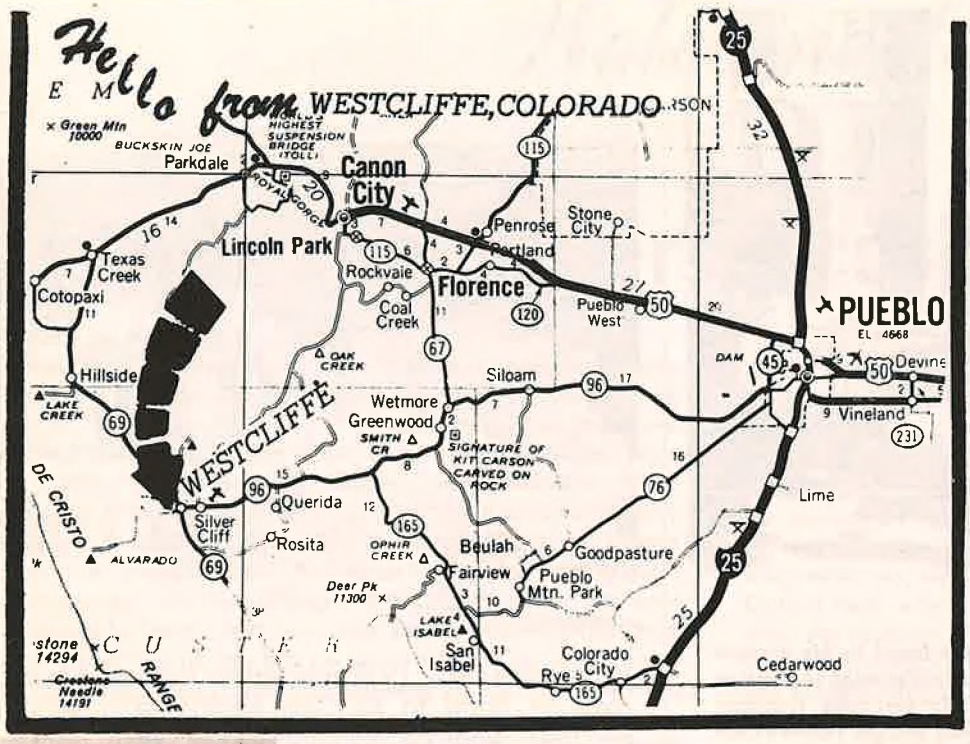
"I base my diagnosis on the knee-to-ankle bone," he said. "Real birds can squat on their eggs, keeping them warm with their feathered bodies. But archaeopteryx couldn't do that because that leg bone didn't bend much at the heel."

The Dry Mesa "bird" wasn't a completely evolved bird, but was further along than archaeopteryx, he said.

Jensen possesses no formal college degrees. The 61-year-old Utah native has an honorary doctorate from Brigham Young where he's been a museum curator since 1960.

On an expedition to the Transantarctic Mountains in 1969, he said, he discovered remains of Lystrosaurus, "a dumpy little animal that couldn't swim." The find contributed to the theory that all the continents were once joined, because similar remains had been discovered in India and Africa, he said.

Jensen, a self-described "generalist", also is an artist, builds harpsichords, and has been a machinist, longshoreman, and truck driver.



BLESS YOUR WAKEFUL MORNS RATHER THAN CURSE YOUR SLEEPLESS NIGHTS.

To the left, the head of a rare jackalope (or buckalope) which Cecil Cooper has mounted on the wall of his Durango home. On the right, my secretary, Mrs. Regina Hurst, and her son, Clint, who joined the Navy last fall. Clint, a JBS summer camp enthusiast, received an early promotion after being high in his class during Seaman's Apprentice training.

Jim and Kathleen Clark, of Phoenix, Arizona, are a much admired young traditional Catholic couple. Jim is vice-president of the North American Coin and Currency Ltd.

Bill and Marge Schulte of Helena, Montana, courageous, wholehearted Catholics and hard working fighters for God's justice. Bill is the JBS Coordinator for Montana.